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For: A PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION AND/OR ISOLATION OF PLASMA
PROTEINS BY MEANS OF ANNULAR CHROMATOGRAPHYPRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Insert the Abstract attached, hereto, as a separate page.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please incorporate the new Abstract of the Disclosure into the specification, submitted herewith on a separate sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 through 13 and add new claims 14 through 26 as follows:

a --14. A process for the separation and/or isolation of plasma proteins, especially human plasma proteins, from a mixture containing plasma proteins, wherein

- said mixture is applied to a separation medium having an annular

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